

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6188
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000
DHOTI ORDER BY BIHAR TO ACASH .
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Corporation and Apex Societies of Handlooms (ACASH) which is an authorised agency of the Ministry of Textiles, received any instructions from the Bihar Government to issue orders to all the State handloom agencies to produce cloth for poor people of Bihar at cheaper rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ACASH had not purchased 60 per cent stock of sarees and dhotis produced by the weavers of Madhya Pradesh resulting in the heavy financial loss to the weaving agencies and rendering thousands of weavers jobless; and

(d) whether the Union Government propose to direct the ACASH to purchase the remaining stock of sarees and dhotis produced by weavers of Madhya Pradesh and to instruct this agency to pay the dues of the weavers of the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) The Government of Bihar had placed an order on the Association of Corporations and Apex Societies of Handlooms (ACASH) in March 1997 for production and supply of 81,38,400 sarees at Rs.87.50 per piece and 94,54,391 dhoties at Rs.73.00 per piece. ACASH had placed order on handloom agencies of various States, including Madhya Pradesh, for production and supply of these sarees and dhoties.

(c) The number of dhoties and sarees ordered to supplying agencies based in Madhya Pradesh and the actual dhoties and sarees supplied by them is as under:

	Quantity ordered	Quantity supplied
M.P. State Textiles Corporation Ltd.		
Sarees	1,16,200	12,800
Dhoties	1,16,200	25,000

M.P. Rajya Bunkar Sahkari Sangh

Sarees	1,00,000	3,246
Dhoties	1,00,000	7,975

(d) The Government of Bihar has cancelled the order and as such, purchase of remaining stock by ACASH does not arise. The payment of dues by ACASH to the agencies of Madhya Pradesh can be made as and when payment is received from Government of Bihar.